

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
SYSTEM FOR REMOTE OPERATION OF A PERSONAL HYGIENE OR SANITARY APPLIANCE,
the specification of which

(check ☒ is attached hereto.

one) ☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Priority Claimed
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
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And I hereby appoint Daniel C. McEachran, Registration No. 19804, Robert V. Jambor, Registration No. 23080, Edward M. Keating, Registration No. 20646, Joel H. Bock, Registration No. 29045, Vangelis Economou, Registration No. 32341 and Li-Chung Daniel Ho, Registration No. 41837, whose address is McEachran, Jambor, Keating, Bock & Kurtz, 55 East Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, telephone no. (312) 726-4421 and 236-1112, my attorneys or agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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JOINT

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Jerome M. Gauthier
of Roselle, County of Du Page, State of Illinois,
and Nhon T. Vuong, of Lombard,
County of Du Page, State of Illinois, have invented a certain
new and useful improvement in:

SYSTEM FOR REMOTE OPERATION OF A PERSONAL
HYGIENE OR SANITARY APPLIANCE

for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sloan Valve Company
a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware,
and having its principal place of business at 10500 Seymour Avenue, Franklin Park, IL 60131,
is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in and to the Letters
Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the
sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to us in hand paid, the receipt of
which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign
and transfer unto the said assignee, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as fully set
forth and described in the specification prepared and executed by us on even date herewith, preparatory
to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor, together with all future improvements thereon
and additions thereto, and United States patent applications which may be made therefor and any and all
divisional, continuing and reissue applications therefor, and the patents which may be thereupon issued, and
any and all rights to file applications and receive patents in countries foreign to the United States, the same
to be held and enjoyed by the said assignee to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patents
may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this
assignment and sale not been made; and we hereby agree to sign all necessary papers in connection with
the prosecution and assignment of each and every of said applications.

AND we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said
Letters Patent to the said assignee of our entire right, title and interest in and to the same for the sole use
and behalf of the said assignee, its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set out hands and seals this 17th day
of OCTOBER, 2000.

Jerome M. Gauthier
Nhon T. Vuong
Nhon T. Vuong
State of ILLINOIS
County of COOK } SS

I, JUTTA FRAUENHOFFER, a Notary Public,

do hereby certify that Jerome M. Gauthier and Nhon T. Vuong
personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument,
appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered said in-
strument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 17th day of OCTOBER, 2000.



Jutta Frauenhoffer
Notary Public

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